

THE COURTS.

The Mystery of a Rich Cuban and His Gold.

LOST, FOUND AND UNREWARDED.

A Victory for the Seventh Avenue Railroad Company.

AFFAIRS OF HOYT, SPRAGUE & CO.

In the early days of March, 1876, considerable excitement was created in this city by the announcement in the press that a report had reached Police Headquarters of the strange and inexplicable capture and abduction, from the vicinity of Fourth street and a Lafayette place of a rich Cuban gentleman, with a large amount of gold on his person. The rumor then was that this rich Cuban, while in company with a friend, had been accosted at the place already named, while on his way to his hotel, by a man representing himself to be an officer of police, was arrested by him and removed in a carriage, while his friend hastened to the hotel to tell the strange tale.

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Under an ordinance of the City Council a suit was brought against the Seventh Avenue Railroad Company to collect about \$600 license fees. This suit came to trial yesterday before Judge Donohue and a jury, in Supreme Court, Circuit. It appeared on the trial that the ordinance under which the suit was brought provided that this company should pay a license fee equal to the amount of the money which it had received from the sale of tickets for the purpose of the license. The ordinance also provided that the license fee should be paid in advance, and that the company should be liable for the license fee if it failed to pay it.

HOYT, SPRAGUE & CO.

A motion came before Judge Barrett, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, to set aside the report of the referee in the suit of the Berkshire Woolen Company against August J. Hoyt, who, at the suit of numerous creditors, was appointed receiver of the property of the firm of Hoyt, Sprague & Co. It appears that among the creditors of this once celebrated manufacturing firm were a number of banks in Providence to the extent of \$1,000,000. The money was loaned to the firm by the banks, and the firm was said to have been unable to pay the money back. The banks were said to have been unable to get the money back, and they were said to have been unable to get the money back.

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Charles Becker is imprisoned as one of the parties who participated in what is known as the \$64,000 forgery. Several times his counsel, Mr. Charles W. Brockie, has had him brought up on writs of habeas corpus, and moved for his discharge, on the ground that the evidence was insufficient to hold him. These applications have been denied from time to time, and the prisoner has been in the custody of the law for several days. The prisoner was taken into custody on the 1st of May, and he has been in the custody of the law for several days.

MISS MOSES AND HER MONEY.

Judge J. F. Daly yesterday rendered a decision in the case of Eustace Moses against Isaac Stender, which was brought on an injunction restraining the defendant from collecting or disposing of a sum of money deposited to their joint credit in the Union Dime Savings Institution. The facts of the case, which have already been fully published in the Herald, are briefly, that Stender, who has promised to marry Miss Moses, refused to do so, and he failed to renew his mortgage. Yesterday a new writ of habeas corpus was granted by the Judge in the prisoner's favor, returnable to-morrow.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS. By Judge Barrett. Himan vs. Koch et al.—Report confirmed. Mills et al. vs. Montgomery et al.—Security for costs granted, \$1,200 in No. 1 and \$150 in No. 2. Thomas vs. Thomas—Report now confirmed and judgment of divorce granted. Himan vs. Koch et al.—Report confirmed and judgment of divorce granted. Himan vs. Koch et al.—Report confirmed and judgment of divorce granted. Himan vs. Koch et al.—Report confirmed and judgment of divorce granted.

THE TABLES TURNED.

Seven expensive walking canes, supposed to be the proceeds of a burglary committed on the premises of Dr. Lockie, No. 142, Fulton street, on January 16, were found in the store of Bernard Rogers, No. 216 Bowery, by Detective Lyons and King on last Tuesday. Bernard made affidavit before Judge Murray on Wednesday that he bought the canes from George Lever, of No. 325 Smith street, Brooklyn, and produced a bill dated May 25, which he swore included these canes as well as other articles. On this affidavit a warrant was issued for the arrest of Mr. Lever, and he was arrested at Essex Market Court yesterday for examination. This gentleman proved to the satisfaction of the magistrates that he had sold but two canes to Mr. Rogers, and these were not identified by Dr. Lockie. Four of the seven canes found in Rogers' place were such as Dr. Lockie had sold, and the other three ones had been made to order for some of Mr. Lockie's customers. Mr. Lever was honorably discharged, and Bernard Rogers was committed in \$1,000 bail to answer.

SWINDLING THE "FOOL" MEN.

James E. Kelly, of the firm of Kelly, Bliss & Co., proprietors of the former Turf Exchange, at No. 15 West Twenty-eighth street, procured a warrant from Judge Murray on Tuesday for the arrest of John Sexton, whom he accused of having uttered two false tokens representing two pools of \$40 and \$41 respectively. Sexton was arrested by Officer Kieran, of the Court squad, and arraigned before the above mentioned magistrate yesterday. Charles Gaisel, of No. 632 East Seventeenth street, testified that on the 15th of May while he was passing in his pool truck for some money he had won, Sexton passed him two other tokens representing \$81 and asked him (Gaisel) to get them cashed. He did so, and handed the money, less percentages to the second token, which was a false one. He also discovered, according to his statement, that the two tokens were false. Judge Murray held the prisoner in \$1,500 bail to answer.

THE WALLACE ASSAULT.

James Wallace, of No. 514 East Twenty-eighth street, who was arrested on Wednesday night in connection with a notorious assault on his brother-in-law, Michael McCann, of No. 247 West Thirty-first street, was arraigned before Judge Wandell yesterday and committed to await the result of the trial. McCann, whose nose was broken with a heavy club, and who was otherwise injured, was taken to the hospital, and is now lying in Bellevue Hospital in a dangerous condition.

WHOSE POCKETBOOKS?

Two notorious shoplifters, named Lizzie Hansen, of No. 222 Eighth avenue, and Catherine Kerber, were arrested in Broadway by Officer Quigley, of the Twenty-ninth precinct, yesterday afternoon. They were found in possession of two pocketbooks containing a quantity of money in them, and other valuables. They were brought before Judge Wandell, who committed them to await the result of the trial. The pocketbooks were found in their possession, and they were found in their possession.

OBSCENE SLEEVEBUTTONS.

Information reached Anthony Comstock yesterday that a new species of obscenity in the shape of ornate sleevebuttons having upon them a filthy engraving, were being extensively sold by itinerant peddlers down town. On investigation he traced them to the store of E. C. Dunning & Co., of No. 177 Broadway, and arrested S. M. Wolf, of that firm. He also caused the arrest of Morris Jacobowitz and Joseph Stern, two of the peddlers, and prisoners were locked up in the Oak Street station house.

THE COST OF ARMORIES.

The Committee on County Affairs of the Board of Aldermen, which consists of Messrs. Mooney, Sauer, Thompson, Gontz and Rowland, held a meeting yesterday for the purpose of considering the matter of raising armories for the National Guard in this city. At a recent meeting of the Board Mr. Tomney presented a resolution charging that hundreds of thousands of dollars had unnecessarily been expended, particularly during the years from 1865 to 1876. The committee was authorized to investigate the whole subject, so as to point out the city from being similarly plundered in the future.

DUMPING IN THE SOUND.

The subject of New York garbage and offal was before the Queens County Board of Supervisors yesterday on a petition of residents of the north side, principally of New Hempstead, for some action to put a stop to the dumping of refuse in Long Island Sound. The petition is signed by upward of fifty well known gentlemen, among whom are Hon. Stephen Taber, Hon. Wm. H. Underwood, William Collins Bryant, John W. Harper, S. M. Barlow, Henry W. Eastman, Edward Morgan, Thomas A. Jerome, Benjamin D. Hicks, John A. Astor and others, and is as follows: "We, the undersigned citizens of Queens county, hereby represent to your honorable body that the dumping of garbage and offal in Long Island Sound, and the consequent pollution of the water, is a nuisance and a danger to the health of the people of this county. We therefore respectfully request that your honorable body should take such action as may be necessary to stop this nuisance, and to protect the health of the people of this county."

SO MUCH CHEAPER ABROAD.

The Cunard steamship *Abyssinia*, which arrived on Wednesday, was boarded by the United States revenue officials who found stowed away in Captain Murphy's stateroom two cases not entered upon the ship's manifest. One contained a lady's summer outfit, and was addressed to a lady residing at the St. James Hotel, New York. The other case contained a spring clothing addressed to Mr. Welch, General Superintendent of the Cunard line, all in care of the Captain of the *Abyssinia*. Both cases were seized and lodged in the Custom House, where the owners will be enabled to clear them by paying the appraised value with the penalty incurred by the attempt to smuggle goods into the city.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE GUILLOTINE.

In view of the coming reduction of twenty per cent of the force of the employees under General Arthur were the longest possible faces yesterday. Knots of clerks, inspectors, weighers and other attachés were gathered about in different places discussing the probabilities of the curtailment, each one wondering whether the guillotine would reach him.

RAILROAD VICTIMS INTERRED.

The remains of Thomas Hogan, Philip Goodman and Edward Henry, who were killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Hackensack Bridge, on Tuesday morning, were taken from the morgue in Montgomery street, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon, for interment. The melancholy procession moved on in the morning, and the bodies were taken to the cemetery. The bodies were taken to the cemetery, and the bodies were taken to the cemetery.

SUICIDE IN JERSEY CITY.

A shoemaker, named Christian Miller, residing at No. 74 West Newark avenue, Jersey City, had been suffering severely for several years from rheumatism. On Wednesday night his sufferings were intense, and he raved wildly. Yesterday morning, at half-past one o'clock, he took a revolver and discharged it into his chest. He died before the medical aid arrived. His wife was fifty-seven years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

THE SHELTERING ARMS.

The Ladies' Association of the Sheltering Arms held their annual reception yesterday afternoon in the institution, 129th street and Tenth avenue. The cool rooms and pleasantly shaded grounds were evidently a great relief to the large crowd of visitors who had come from the hot and dusty city to enjoy the pleasant entertainment furnished them.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Dr. Peeters read the annual report of the Board of Trustees, which was adopted by the assembly under the supervision of Dr. M. Peters, president of the Board of Trustees. At one o'clock the scholars were assembled in the schoolhouse and the annual exhibition took place. They were examined in the usual rudimentary branches of common school education and showed themselves to be proficient, rewarding by their brightness and display of juvenile talent the devoted care bestowed upon their training by the teachers. The exhibition, which lasted about an hour, was closed by singing, which the pupils did very well.

THE CATHOLIC UNION.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION OF THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S NATIONAL UNION. The Convention of the Young Men's Catholic Union assembled yesterday morning at the De La Salle Institute, and proceeded in a body to the Cathedral in Mulberry street, where a solemn high mass was celebrated. Rev. Father Keane being the celebrant, Rev. Father Walsh deacon, Rev. Father E. F. McGinley sub-deacon.

REAL ESTATE.

The following sales were made on the Real Estate Exchange yesterday: Public auction, to comply with order of the Geble cottage, ten rooms, with two acres of land, one acre of which is in the city, and the balance in the country, corner of Highbridge st. and Claremont av., to Norton A. Hallen, for \$60,000. Public auction, to comply with order of the Geble cottage, ten rooms, with two acres of land, one acre of which is in the city, and the balance in the country, corner of Highbridge st. and Claremont av., to Norton A. Hallen, for \$60,000.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

In all the Catholic churches, yesterday, the great feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated by grand high masses. At the Church of St. Alphonsus (Redemptorists) church South Fifth avenue, the services were more than usually imposing. There was an elaborate ornamentation of the altars, the sanctuaries were filled with flowers, and the choir sang in voices of angels. At half-past ten o'clock there was a procession around the main and centre aisles in honor of the blessed sacrament.

PRIEST'S PRESENCE OF MIND.

INCIDENT IN ST. ANTONIO'S CHURCH. A priest, who was in the church, was seen to be in a state of mind. He was seen to be in a state of mind, and he was seen to be in a state of mind. He was seen to be in a state of mind, and he was seen to be in a state of mind.

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